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## SOVIET SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON GAS PURIFICATION

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In October 1949 a conference was held in Leningrad on the problem of purifying industrial flue gases and production waste discharged into the atmosphere. It was convened by the Leningrad Division of VNITCE((All-Union Scientific and Technical Society of Power Engineers) and the Gas Purification Committee of WNITOE to afford engineers and doctors an opportunity to discuss the problems raised by the decree of the Council of Ministers USSR dated 29 May 1949, on "Measures for Combating Pollution of the Atmosphere and Improving the Sanitary and Hygienic Conditions of Populated Places."

There were 222 persons participating in the conference, including representatives of many Union and Republic ministries, and workers of various scientific research, planning, production, and sanitary-hygienic activities in the Soviet Union. .

In the introductory address, Professor V. N. Shreter, Doctor of Technical Sciences Leningrad Polytechnic Institute, pointed out the historic significance of the above-mentioned decree, which is a vivid expression of the concern of the party and the government for the health of the Soviet people.

Candidate of Medical Sciences K. G. Beryushev spoke on behalf of the Ministry of Health USSR.

Representatives of the All-Union "Gazoochistka" Trust, to which the government has assigned the main tasks in planning, scientific research, installation, and inspection of all gas-purification equipment, informed the conference of the work it has done in fulfillment of the decree. In the following reports the delegates heard of the latest investigations in this field, on which basis the "Gazoochistka" trust has designed new and improved apparatus: "Electrical Purification of Flue Gases in the USSR"

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by Engineer V. N. Uzhov, "Successes in the Field of Single and Multiple Dust Precipitator Design" by Engineer M. M. Zaytsev, "Fine-Particle Purification of Gases by Electrostalic Precipitators with Separate Ionization and Precipitation" by Engineer I. P. Vostokov, and "State of the Problem of Removing Sulfuric Anhydride from Flue Gases" by Engineer A. P. Andrianov, the delegates.

These and other reports read excited a lively interchange of opinions. The conference passed a resolution setting forth its recommendations for further improvement of electrical gas purification.

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